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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of organisation, especially the social organisations in Rajasthan registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) which are engaged in bringing out news papers and news letters;

(b) the details of foreign funds received by such organisations during the last three years, organisation-wise and the year-wise; and

(c) the details of organisations out of them put on black list for misuse of the funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) Under section 4(1) (b) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976, no foreign contribution shall be accepted by any correspondent, columnist, cartoonist, editor, owner, printer or publisher of a registered newspaper. Therefore, there is no question of any organization registered under FCRA to publish any newspaper or news letter.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.